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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS ARE REPORTEDLY UNDER WAY FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCES OF PRC MASS ORGANIZATIONS. BUT UNEVEN IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTY RECTIFICATION IN THE PROVINCES REPORTEDLY MAY DELAY CONVOCATION OF THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBOFF CITING CHINESE SOURCE, PURGE OF GANG OF FOUR SUPPORTERS WITHIN PRC TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. OVER 50 PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP WAS PURGED. PREPARATIONS FOR CONVOCATION OF NATIONAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION NOW UNDERWAY. SOVIET EMBOFF CLAIMED THAT OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS -- WOMEN'S FEDERATION AND PEASANTS' ASSOCIATION -- HAD ALSO COMPLETED
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RECTIFICATION OF RANKS AND ARE PREPARING FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCES.

3. ACCORDING TO INDIAN EMBOFF, VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN BRIEFED A "RECENT" DELEGATION OF MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF PARTY RECTIFICATION AND THE TIMING OF MAJOR PARTY AND STATE CONCLAVES. (COMMENT: THE

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MOST RECENT PUBLICIZED MEETINGS BETWEEN LI HSIEN-NIEN AND SUCH GROUPS WERE HIS APRIL 11 SESSION WITH FIRST SECRETARY FERNAND LEFEBVRE OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY OF BELGIUM AND HIS "RECENT" -- ACCORDING TO AN APRIL 25 NCNA ACCOUNT -- SESSION WITH A DELEGATION OF THE PROLETARIAN BANNER OF DOMINICA.) LI REPORTEDLY ENVISIONED NO IMMINENT CONVOCATION OF A PARTY PLENUM, PARTY CONGRESS OR NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. RECTIFICATION OF PARTY AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN UNEVEN IN THE PROVINCES OWING TO THE NEED
TO FIGHT DROUGHT IN SOME AREAS AND TO ELIMINATE WELL-ENTRENCHED GANG OF FOUR COHORTS IN OTHERS. HENCE THE RECTIFICATION PROCESS WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED TOWARD THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER; FOLLOWING THAT DELEGATES TO THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS COULD BE SELECTED. THE GOAL WAS TO OPEN THE PARTY CONGRESS BY THE END OF 1977, AFTER WHICH THE 5TH NPC COULD BE CONVENED.

4.COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE SOURCING OF LI'S REPORTED REMARKS IS VAGUE, WE THINK THE SCENARIO PLAUSIBLE. DESPITE RECENT PREDICTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO TAN CHEN-LIN THAT PARTY RECTIFICATION, A PARTY CONCLAVE, AN NPC, AND TENG HSIAO-PING'S REHABILITATION WILL ALL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AUTUMN (SEE ASAHI SHIMBUN MAY 1 STORY BYLINED TADOKORO), WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THE PRC WILL HAVE ITS HOUSE SO NEATLY IN ORDER SO SOON.
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